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## THE BIG SANDY VALLEY AND THE STATE NORMAL

## Survey Commission Suggested This Valley as Site for New Training School.

The Kentucky Legislature in 1920 enacted a law providing for a state educational survey. It provided for five persons to be appointed by the Governor and directed them to employ experts from outside of Kentucky to assist in the examination of Kentucky's schools.

The object of the survey was to make recommendations as to how to pull Kentucky up from 45th place in the scale of states in the matter of educational facilities.

The Governor appointed W. A. Gannfield, President of Center College, Danville; Alex C. Barrett, lawyer, member of the Louisville Board of Education; J. L. Harman, President Bowling Green University; C. J. Haydon, President Board of Education Springfield, Ky.; Miss Katie McDaniel, Supt. Christian county, Hopkinsville.

This board secured the assistance of the General Education Board of New York City, which furnished the services of Dr. Frank P. Bachman, Frank L. Shaw, Miss Anna C. Thornburn, all of New York. Dean M. E. Hagerty, University of Minnesota, advised on the testing program.

In addition to providing the survey commission the General Education Board contributed the sum of \$15,000 toward the expenses of the survey. The State of Kentucky spent \$8,500. Fifteen months were devoted to the survey. During this time Dr. Bachman visited 66 counties and studied conditions in about half of the principal cities of the State. The Big Sandy Valley was included in his itinerary.

Standard tests or examinations were given to the school children in nine representative counties and in fifteen cities. 15,700 pupils were examined and nearly 69,000 test papers were marked and the results tabulated. Information was collected on the training of 86 per cent of the teachers.

Dr. Wallace Buttrick, President of the General Education Board, and Dr. Abraham Flexner, secretary of the Board, gave liberally of their time and made several visits to the state to counsel with the commission and staff.

The above resume is printed here to show the character of the survey made for Kentucky and to give our readers a correct idea of the value of the report and recommendations made by this body of experts.

With this preface we submit the recommendation of the commission as to the establishment of a normal school in eastern Kentucky.

The commission recommended the establishment of two new normal schools, one in the eastern and one in the western part of the state. Then they said:

"The new schools should be put where they will do the most good. One should probably be located in the Big Sandy Valley."

An appropriation of \$30,000 annually is suggested as a starter for running expenses. The Legislature in a general way followed out the recommendations of the commission. The Big Sandy Valley was named in the first bill, but had to be eliminated because members of the Legislature from other parts of eastern Kentucky insisted that it be broadened sufficiently to give their counties a chance at the school. But the disinterested survey commission saw the situation so clearly that it named this territory and that recommendation ought to be carried out.

Other things have happened, but the public is entitled to all the facts. The commission appointed as the result of the action of the Legislature has a very grave duty to perform.

## JOHNSON COUNTY ROAD BOND ISSUE UPHOLD

Frankfort.—The \$200,000 road bond issue voted by the voters of Johnson county Sept. 20, 1919, was declared valid by the Court of Appeals. The court affirmed a decision of the Johnson circuit court holding that all the steps required by law had been complied with. E. J. Evans had sued to test the validity of the issue.

## BRAKEMAN IS INJURED IN RUSSELL ACCIDENT

W. W. Pearce, yard brakeman, of Russell, was seriously injured Tuesday when a car he was helping to switch was derailed. Mr. Pearce was caught under the car, crushing his right leg. He was rushed to an iron hospital where it was found his leg would have to be amputated. Mr. Pearce was crippled in a former accident in which he lost the heel on his left foot.

## DR. BLAIR IMPROVED.

Dr. A. L. Blair returned Monday to his home in Ashland from Louisville, where he was called by the critical illness of his son, Dr. Frederick Kellum Blair who is at St. Anthony's hospital. Dr. Blair reported a slight change for the better in his son's condition.

## COURT OF APPEALS.

Slater vs. Hatfield, etc., Pike; affirmed in part and reversed in part. Evans vs. Johnson Fiscal Court, etc., Johnson, affirmed.

## AERO PUSSY CAT



Major W. T. Blake is here photographed with his pet, "Mike," the pretty tabby that will make an aeroplane trip around the world with his master.

## FIRST RADIOPHONE SET IN LOUISA

Niel Plummer, age 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Plummer, of Louisa, has the distinction of owning and operating the first radiophone outfit in Louisa. He was able to receive his first message last Friday.

Niel has been working and studying on this apparatus since last August, buying a few pieces at a time and putting them together until at last he has successfully completed it. On Tuesday evening he was able to hear plainly the voice of a man in Pittsburgh announcing the baseball scores.

The radiophone is a late invention, which probably all of our readers know is a wireless telephone. Thousands of them have been installed throughout the United States within the last year. A good receiving set costs about \$250, but by buying a few parts at a time and putting them together himself, Niel has reduced the cost to approximately \$50.

A great deal of credit is due his young man for his diligent effort in this work, as during this time he has attended school and has delivered two daily papers to a large list of subscribers. It is this sort of ambition and persistence that brings success and we are always glad to find a boy of this type in our community. He will win his way in the world.

## N. &amp; W. Dining Car Seized, Crew Held by Dry Force

Ronoke, Va., May 18.—Prohibition officers at Bluefield, W. Va., today seized the dining car of N. & W. passenger train No. 15 and arrested the crew, according to information received here. No explanation of the cause for seizure was contained in the report.

## DEATH TAKES TOLL OF THREE

Mrs. John Wallace, age 87, died at her home on Donithon, ten miles from Louisa, on Tuesday of this week. She is survived by the husband, two sons and a daughter, M. F. and Eugene, and Mrs. Bascom Hale. She was a sister of T. J. Branham Sr., of Louisa, and was an excellent woman.

## Bennett Cox.

Bennett Cox, age 58, died at his home on Lick Creek, four miles south of Louisa, on May 23rd. He had been sick for ten weeks with brain trouble. He was a good citizen and his death means a loss to the community.

## Miss Garnett Borders.

Miss Garnett Borders, age 24, died Wednesday at the home of her father, Leander Borders, near the mouth of Georges Creek. Her health had not been good for four or five years but she was not confined to her room until about a month ago. She was the only unmarried daughter of Mr. Borders. The funeral and burial will take place on Friday morning.

## MOVE HERE FROM ASHLAND.

Jas. Plummer's family will move to Louisa, from Ashland, on Friday of this week. Mr. Plummer has accepted the position he formerly held as electrician at Theobald and will return there. He will spend the week ends in Louisa.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

John H. Kimbler, 70, of Louisa, Ohio, to Eliza Collinsworth, 67, of Blaine.

Reuben Copley, 19, of Webb, W. Va., to Vena Salmons, 15, of Felix, W. Va.

Tilden Beverly, 37, of Drift, to Golda Lou Cox, 19, of Louisa.

Charles Alley, 23, of Adams, to Fannie Davis, 23, of Irad.

## CLOSING PROGRAM OF LOUISA HIGH SCHOOL NEXT WEEK

## State Superintendent Colvin Will Make Chief Address to Class of Graduates.

The commencement exercises of the Louisa High School will begin next Sunday evening with the baccalaureate sermon, to be preached by Rev. C. A. Slaughter of Ashland, at the M. E. Church, South. There will be a good musical program.

On Monday evening the class play will be rendered at the Gaden theater. It is a comedy-drama entitled "The Winning of Latane." The curtain will rise at 8 o'clock. Excellent music will be furnished by an orchestra.

On Tuesday evening the graduating exercises will take place at the M. E. Church South.

The graduates are Miss Opal Plybon, Miss Alva Snyder, Miss Elizabeth Roberts, Miss Emily Conley, Mr. Hubert Chaffin.

The program is as follows: Processional, "The Stars & Stripes Forever".....Orchestra

Invocation.....Rev. John Cheap

Piano solo, Grand Valse de Concerto, Matel.....Mrs. Robt. Gastner

Essay, "Citizens of Tomorrow,".....Miss Opal Plybon

Essay, "The Heart of America,".....Miss Alva Snyder

Music.....Orchestra

Essay, "The New Diplomacy,".....Miss Elizabeth Roberts

Essay, "Efficiency" Mr. Hubert Chaffin

Music.....Orchestra

Valedictory Essay, "The Heroes of Yesterday,".....Miss Emily Conley

Violin Solo, "Liebesleid—Fritz Kreisler".....Mrs. John Bricker

Conferring of Diplomas, Dr. C. B. Walters, chairman Board of Education

Music.....Orchestra

Benediction.....Hon. George Colvin

Address.....Rev. J. D. Bell

One of the features that is being looked forward to with much interest is the address by Hon. George Colvin, State Superintendent of Schools. He is a very bright and capable man.

## Vinson Memorial Church Dedication June 4th

The new Vinson Memorial Christian Church at Westmoreland Huntington, will be dedicated on Sunday, June 4th. It will be an all-day affair and promises to be very largely attended. No collections will be taken, a feature that is very unique at a church dedication.

The building is entirely paid for. It was built in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel S. Vinson, both of whom have passed away. The enterprise was projected by their sons and daughters, Hon. Z. T. Vinson, Dr. L. T. Vinson, Mrs. James A. Hughes and Mrs. Donald Clark.

We have been requested to say that a general invitation is extended to all friends and relatives everywhere to attend the dedication. This includes many people in Louisa and Port Gay and vicinity. No formal invitations are being sent out, but through the newspapers all are asked to attend.

No doubt many people will accept, as the hospitality always dispensed at the old Vinson homestead is of a most delightful quality.

## Moonshine Vender Gets a Heavy Sentence

George Evans, from Logan county, W. Va., was fined \$200 and given a jail sentence of 60 days, in county court last Monday. Judge M. B. Sparks was presiding and County Attorney G. W. Castle prosecuting. Evans was caught by Sheriff J. W. Young with several bottles of muddy-looking stuff in his possession. He was reported to be selling it at the road camps near Fallsburg. A horse, buggy and saddle belonging to him are to be sold for the fine.

## Will Rice was arrested on the same trip by the Sheriff and deputies, who captured a crude outfit alleged to have been used for making moonshine. It is said some of the fellows who drank the product of this still were poisoned, but no fatalities are yet reported. Rice is in jail.

## ZEKE ANDERSON, SERVING 15 YEAR SENTENCE, PARDONED

Zeke Anderson, serving 15 years for manslaughter, who last year escaped from a convict road camp and went to his home in Pike county, made a crop so his family would not suffer during the winter and then returned to the State reformatory was pardoned by Gov. Morrow a few days ago.

Anderson was received at the prison in May, 1918, and had served more than three years of his sentence.

## FROM FORAKER CORDLE.

A letter from N. F. Cordle in Utah says he desires to extend his best wishes to friends and relatives in Lawrence county. He has been located there several years and is getting along nicely.

## WAYNE WOMAN DIES.

Mrs. Cynthia Powers, 53 years old, a daughter of one of the first settlers of Wayne county, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Annie Harless in Huntington early Friday morning. Interment was made in the family burial lot at Shoals, Wayne county.

## Give Their Legs to Uncle Sam



Living pictures no less than drawn pictures tell their story at a glance. Here is a photograph of a living combination used to advertise the recent Chicago Carnival for Disabled Veterans. Students of advertising as well as students of human ingratitude can learn a lesson from this story without words.

## SEVERE TERMS FOR STATE NORMAL SITE

## Report from Ashland Says Commission Has Constructed the Act.

An Ashland man visited Frankfort a few days ago and reports that Judge O'Rear, a member of the new State Normal School commission, lays down the following qualifications for towns applying for the school:

To give a site and \$100,000. If buildings are on the land offered, the commission will appraise them and allow credit on the \$100,000. If no buildings, then all the \$100,000 must be in cash and available immediately. If buildings are on the property any difference in cash necessary to make up the total of \$100,000 will be required to be ready.

He says the commission wants to award the location on June 7th, when they meet at Lexington, and the above conditions are to be met at that time. The desire is expressed that the school shall be opened next fall.

These conditions are more severe than the construction generally being put upon the law would justify. If the information is correct and authoritative it means the elimination of nearly all the towns that would otherwise apply. We do not believe this program will best serve the educational interests of the State.

## DELINQUENTS ON STREET PAVING SUED

Suits are almost ready for filing against all property owners of Louisa who have not paid the first year's assessment for street paving. City Attorney A. J. Garred is bringing the suits under the law that compels the city to make the collections. The payment for the first year's assessment should have been made by March 1st. It is said that where judgment is rendered in such cases it includes the full amount due for paving for the ten years and thus deprives the property owners of the ten year plan of paying.

As the suits will not be ready for filing before Friday of this week we were unable to get a full list of the defendants in time for publication this week.

## GAINES AND WILLIAMS TO PRESIDE IN PIKE COURT

Frankfort.—Judge Sidney Gaines of Burlington has been designated by Gov. Morrow to preside over the Pike Circuit Court at the trial of U. K. Williams. Judge W. W. Williams of Prestonsburg was designated to preside over the same court during the trial of two other cases. The regular Judge, J. E. Childers, is disqualified in both instances.

## HERE FROM WASHINGTON.

Col. Jay H. Northup and daughter, Miss Hermia, had as their guest a few days Miss Frances Norton of Washington, D. C., a niece of Col. Northup. She was on her way to Los Angeles, Cal. She left on Monday accompanied by Col. Northup for a visit to Mrs. J. M. Turner in Winchester before she leaves for California. In Ashland she was the guest of Mrs. Chas. Russell.

## JIM DOOLEY GETS RED BUSH BRIDE

## Advertisement in NEWS Brings Brevy of Belles to Choose From.

It pays to advertise. Again this has been demonstrated and on a test that would seem severe.

Jim Dooley, who advertised in this newspaper last January for a wife, was overwhelmed with applicants and finally chose Miss Osborne, of Red Bush, a comely maid of age 27. They were married at Paintsville and went at once to Mr. Dooley's home in Ohio.

Jim really suffered from an "embarrassment of riches" as a result of the advertisement, which accounts for the delay in the happy culmination. Forty-five replies went to him from the Charley postoffice alone and this fact would justify a guess of more than a hundred from all places. By process of elimination Jim finally reduced the line-up to three of the most desirable. Then, after due deliberation and closer inspection he pinned the blue ribbon on Miss Osborne and changed her name to Dooley.

Our congratulations are extended to Jim, and the bride certainly has our best wishes.

In this connection we believe it would be interesting to publish again the advertisement that has made two souls so extremely happy:

London, Ohio, January 11, 1922.

A few lines to unmarried women in Kentucky: I am a man age 38 and weight 155. My wife died last August and left me with some nice bright little children and we need a nice comely mother over them. We don't expect an angel, but we want some one that expects to make an angel for we have a christian home and want it to remain the same. My income is from \$4.00 to \$12.00 per day, that is plenty for a large family and have all they need. It matters not who thinks they want to answer this, rich or poor I just as soon a woman that hasn't got the second dress to her back be the one as not. We are cam and poor I don't expect to have riches. I want a good plain faced old fashion woman age from 18 to 25 years old. There are some specials around Charley, Ky. I would prefer a special letter from, don't answer this through the News write direct to me and I will answer every one. Come on widows with one or two children we will get along so I beg to get a letter from every hard working woman that would love to have a comfortable home and a man for a husband that knows what a good woman is. Yours truly,

JAMES DOOLEY.

Address all letters to James Dooley, London, Ohio, R. 5.

## LOUISA BASEBALL TEAM WINS FROM BEAVER CREEK

On last Sunday the fast Beaver Creek baseball team was defeated by the Louisa team, at Louisa, by the score of 4 to 3. George McGuire pitched good ball throughout the contest for the local team and well deserved his victory. It was a hard-fought game, but somewhat marred by "squabbling."

## RUSSELL RACE TRACK.

The race track planned for Ashland may be located at Russell. Members of the Racing Commission visited Russell a few days ago looking over the sites.

## FREIGHT RATES ORDERED TO BE REDUCED JULY 1

## Cut of 14 Per Cent Expected to Bring Relief to Shippers.

The interstate commerce commission made public a decision revising transportation rates effective July 1. The reductions vary from 14 per cent to 12.5 per cent, and are intended to net the railroads a return upon valuation of 5.75 instead of six per cent.

The rate decision knocks about \$50,000,000 off the nation's freight bill. Based on a six per cent return on a valuation of \$18,900,000,000 the railroads earned a revenue of \$1,134,000,000.

Based upon a 5.75 per cent return of the same valuation as ordered by the commission the return will be \$1,086,000,000.

Returns from passenger fares are not included in this calculation as the commission did not change the prevailing system of charges.

Practically all classes and commodities of traffic are affected by the decision which marked the conclusion of the investigation begun last autumn by the commission on its own initiative into the reasonableness of existing freight levels.

## Orville Morgan Gets Fifteen Year Sentence

Orville Morgan, of Coal Grove, Ohio, Thursday received a sentence of 15 years in the state penitentiary at the hands of a Lewis county jury at Vanceburg for his complicity in the jail delivery at Catlettsburg last January when Jailer Lon Hood was shot and wounded below the eye.

Morgan's sentence was the limit under the law and added to the ten year sentence given him last January for robbery, represents a stay of 25 years in the penitentiary. One woman was on the jury at Vanceburg. About 15 Boyd county citizens were there as witnesses. The jury was out about fifteen minutes.—Ashland Independent.

## JAMES BARNETT DIES IN CATLETTSBURG

Funeral services for James Barnett, who died Saturday afternoon were held at Catletts Creek and burial followed in the cemetery there on Monday.

Mr. Barnett was born in Lawrence county in 1885, the son of Hiram and Jane Barnett. In 1905 he was married to Virginia Coldiron. He had been a number of years a member of the Holiness church in Catlettsburg. He was ill for ten months preceding his death with throat trouble.

Besides his wife, Mr. Barnett is survived by four children, Delpha, 16 years old, Ethel, 6, John Jr., 4, and Raymond, 18 months old; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Dorton, of Sandy City, and Mrs. Belle Bailey of Olive Hill, and four brothers, George, Oliver, John and Richard, of Catlettsburg.

## KENOVA, W. VA. MAN DIES SUDDENLY

Harry C. Wheeler, 56, of Kenova, died suddenly Friday after an apoplectic stroke. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Vinnie Wheeler, four daughters, Mrs. Stella Farley, Kenova; Mrs. Florence Williams, Crews, Va.; and Misses Joelle and Vinite Wheeler of Kenova, and three sons, Harry C. Jr., Billie and Cameron Wheeler all of Kenova.

He was connected with the United Fuel and Gas company for fifteen years. Interment was made in Catlettsburg.

## BISHOP DARLINGTON IS GIVEN NEW ASSIGNMENT

Bishop U. V. W. Darlington, of Huntington, has been assigned to the district comprising the Western Virginia conference, the Kentucky conference, the Louisville conference and the Illinois conference. The assignment was made at the conference of the M. E. Church, South, now in session in Hot Springs, Ark.

Bishop Darlington was formerly in charge of the conference comprising North and South Carolinas. He will continue to maintain his residence in Huntington.

## ROAD CONTRACTS TO BE AWARDED LATE IN JUNE

Frankfort.—Contracts for building 461 miles of road and surface treating or rebuilding at least 25 1/2 miles and for a number of bridges in various counties, will be let by the State Highway Commission on June 25. Twenty-five miles of the new roads are to be federal aid projects, while the State and counties will build the remainder.

## MAY SUCCEED HUSBAND AS COUNTY JUDGE

Frankfort.—Governor Morrow has been asked by Mrs. A. W. Huff for the appointment as County Judge of Leslie county to succeed her husband, who died Saturday. Judge Huff represented Leslie County in the 1920 General Assembly.

## TWO YEAR SENTENCE.

Henry G. Adkins was sentenced to the penitentiary for a term of two years for forgery, in Circuit Court at Wayne, W. Va., last week.